

Agency 302

Home Care Quality Authority**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	4.4	2,207		2,207
Total Maintenance Level	4.0	2,807		2,807
Difference	(.4)	600		600
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(8.0)%	27.2%		27.2%
Performance Changes				
General Inflation		(3)		(3)
Referral Registry Pilot (Phase 1)		184	1,041	1,225
Subtotal		181	1,041	1,222
Total Proposed Budget	4.0	2,988	1,041	4,029
Difference	(.4)	781	1,041	1,822
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(8.0)%	35.4%	100.0%	82.6%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Agency Administrative Costs	1.7	1,097		1,097
Implementation of a Referral Registry of Individual Providers of Home Care	2.0	675	1,041	1,716
Serving as the Employer for Collective Bargaining Purposes for Home Care Workers	.4	41		41
Administration of Contract (1777)		1,175		1,175
Total Proposed Budget	4.0	2,988	1,041	4,029

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Referral Registry Pilot (Phase 1)**

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services provided the Home Care Quality Authority (HCQA) funding to implement and operate four registry sites beginning October 2004. The grant expires in December 2006. Individual providers that provide personal care services to elderly and disabled clients may register as long as they have received the required training and background check coordinated by the HCQA. In this pilot phase, the HCQA will assess whether the four sites should be extended on a statewide basis or whether additional sites may be needed. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**Agency Administrative Costs**

Agency administrative costs include board member expenses and the salaries/benefits of the executive director and administrative assistant who support the board and implement daily administrative functions, including the duties outlined in RCW 74.39A 220-300.

Implementation of a Referral Registry of Individual Providers of Home Care

The Home Care Quality Authority is required by law to establish a referral registry of individual home care providers. In doing so, it must determine minimum qualifications, recruit providers, and offer training opportunities. It must also develop procedures to remove from the registry any provider who has committed misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his or her duties. Funding is provided to research potential ways to implement a referral registry. The Department of Social and Health Services covers the remaining 50 percent of the funding for this activity with federal Medicaid matching funds.

Serving as the Employer for Collective Bargaining Purposes for Home Care Workers

Established through voter approval in 2001, the Home Care Quality Authority acts as the employer for collective bargaining and quality control purposes for home care workers who provide services for the elderly and people with disabilities. It provides services to 26,000 individual care providers. An interagency agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services covers the other 50 percent of the funding for this activity with federal Medicaid matching funds.

Administration of Contract (1777)

The Home Care Quality Authority is required to implement the requirements of the negotiated contract with the Service Employees International Union. The authority must execute the workers' compensation third party administration of the program and develop the health and welfare trust. In addition, the authority must establish the Training and the Labor Management committees.